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SUBJ: PRESS STATEMENT OF RUDOLPH HESS

REF: BONN 3545

1. LOCAL PRESS CARRIED REPORTS THAT WOLF-RUEDIGER HESS
WOULD HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE IN AFTERNOON MONDAY 28 FEB.
AT WEST BERLIN HILTON. REPORTS STATED THAT HE WOULD BE
ACCOMPANIED BY LAWYER EWALD BUCHER, A FORMER FRG
JUSTICE MINISTER, AND BY A GERMAN PHYSICIAN.

2. WOLF-RUEDIGER IS REPORTED AS HAVING CONFIRMED
TO THE PRESS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY HIS FATHER. THE SON ALSO
IS QUOTED AS CRITICIZING MANAGEMENT OF SPANDAU FOR
FAILING TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MEDICAL AID TO HIS FATHER.
HE EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT HIS FATHER BE HOSPITALIZED IN
CIVILIAN HOSPITAL AND EXAMINED BY GERMAN DOCTOR.

3. IN EFFORT UNDERCUT POTENTIAL ADVERSE PUBLICITY OF
WOLF-RUEDIGER PRESS CONFERENCE AND LIKELY INCREASE IN
PRESSURE TO MAKE STATEMENT, FRENCH DRAFTED PRESS STATEMENT (REPORTED
SEPTEL) FOR FOUR POWER CONCURRENCE. SOVIETS AGREED TO
TEXT.

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4. WOLF-RUEDIGER REQUEST TO VISIT HIS FATHER TODAY
(MON. 28 FEB.) WILL BE SUPPORTED BY US SPANDAU
GOVERNOR. HIS REQUEST THAT BUCHER BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND
WILL ALSO BE SUPPORTED, PROVIDED HESS (THE FATHER)
EXPRESSES HIS CONCURRENCE WITH BUCHER'S VISIT (SOVIETS
HAVE, IN THE PAST, OBJECTED TO BUCHER SERVING AS HESS'

LAWYER BECAUSE OF BUCHER'S CURRENT RIGHTIST AFFILIATIONS AND PAST NAXI AFFILIATION). US GOVERNOR WOULD NOT SUPPORT HESS EXAMINATION BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN, AS FOUR POWER MEDICAL PERSONNEL PROVIDE EXCELLENT CARE. WE WOULD SUPPORT HESS REMOVAL TO HOSPITAL (BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL RATHER THAN CIVILIAN ONE) IF MEDICAL PERSONNEL WERE TO RECOMMEND HOSPITALIZATION. UP TO NOW, THEY HAVE NOT.

5. WE ANTICIPATE SOVIETS WILL OPPOSE VISIT BY WOLF-RUEDIGER AND BUCHER; BUCHER FOR REASONS STATED ABOVE AND WOLF-RUEDIGER BECAUSE OF HIS DISREGARD FOR HIS UNDERTAKING NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC INFORMATION CONCERNING SPANDAU.

6. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR KHOTULEV TOLD MISOFF AT OPENING CEREMONY OF EMBASSY BERLIN THAT HE WILL NOT OPPOSE A MARCH VISIT TO HIS FATHER BY WOLF-RUEDIGER BUT THAT TODAY'S REQUESTED VISIT WAS OUT OF QUESTION AS WAS IDEA OF USING GERMAN DOCTOR. GEORGE

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